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March 12th: “Putin, Russia, and the New Cold War?”

Susan B. Glasser, Chief International Affairs Columnist, POLITICO and co-author of *Kremlin Rising: Vladimir Putin and the End of Revolution*

Russian President Vladimir Putin has spent years consolidating his leadership, moving the country closer to an authoritarian state. For what end? To bring former Soviet satellites once again into the Russian fold and expand its global influence? Is a new Cold War brewing? How will the U.S. respond?

Ms. Glasser, who served as founding editor of the award-winning POLITICO Magazine and went on to become editor of POLITICO throughout the 2016 election cycle, has reported everywhere from the halls of Congress to the battle of Tora Bora.

The former editor in chief of Foreign Policy magazine, she spent four years traveling the former Soviet Union as the Washington Post’s Moscow co-bureau chief, covered the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and co-authored “*Kremlin Rising: Vladimir Putin and the End of Revolution*,” with her husband, New York Times chief White House correspondent Peter Baker. They’re now working on a biography of former Secretary of State Jim Baker.

Before that, Glasser worked for a decade at The Washington Post, where she was a foreign correspondent, editor of the Post’s Sunday Outlook and national news sections and political reporter. She started at the Post in 1998 as deputy national editor overseeing the Monica Lewinsky investigation and subsequent impeachment of President Bill Clinton, and later served as a national political reporter, covering the intersection of money and politics.

Prior to the Post, Glasser worked for eight years at Roll Call, the newspaper covering the U.S. Congress, where she rose from an intern to be the top editor.

A graduate of Harvard University, Glasser lives in Washington with Baker and their son. She serves on the boards of the Pew Research Center and the Harvard Crimson student newspaper and is a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution.

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